



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS  
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Mrs. Eleanor R. Montañó

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Mrs. Helen H. Stathatos

Mr. Frank S. Bacio  
Mr. Vito Cannella  
Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### MINUTES OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING APRIL 11, 2007

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

#### OPENING CEREMONIES

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### ATTENDANCE

##### Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó  
Vice Chair Helen H. Stathatos  
Frank Bacio  
Vito Cannella  
John A. Hammargren

##### Excused Absence

Rita Hall  
Carl E. Moore

##### Others Present

Jennifer Lehman, County Counsel  
Janice A. Davis, Commission Services Staff  
Andrew Sevrin, Commission Services Staff

Commissioner Frank Bacio joined the meeting at 10:13 AM.

#### APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, 2007 MINUTES

On motion of Commissioner Cannella, seconded by Vice Chair Stathatos, and unanimously carried, the minutes of April 4th, 2007 were approved with the following correction.

Page 3, 4<sup>th</sup> bullet, change sentence to: *has offered a second grant to LA Trade Technical College....*

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montaña stressed the importance of sanitation and keeping garbage cans sealed to avoid vermin infestation and informed the Commission to check the trash cans during their inspections.

Chair Montaña remarked that the new Group Home Site Directory is missing phone numbers and has incorrect home listings. Ms. Davis will contact Department of Children and Family Services to request an updated Group Home Site Directory.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported the current balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,143.50.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Jennifer Lehman, County Counsel attended the closed session and declared no reportable action needed.

### **STAFF REPORT**

- Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, notified the Commission Mr. Robert Taylor Probation Department cannot meet until June 20, 2007. Chair Montaña requested he be placed first on the agenda for the June 20, 2007 meeting.
- Ms. Janice Davis distributed an e-mail from Ms. Elizabeth Howard, Department of Children and Family Services regarding the Ha're Johns Group Home investigation.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION QUARTERLY REPORT**

This item was deferred to the April 18, 2007 meeting to allow the Commission time to review it.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF PRESS RELEASE DRAFT FOR SYBIL BRAND WEBSITE**

On motion of Commissioner Hammargren and seconded by Commissioner Cannella, the press release for the Sybil Brand Website was approved.

### **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF SCHOLARSHIPS: LA TRADE TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

On motion of Commissioner Bacio and seconded by Commissioner Hammargren, the Commission unanimously approved (2) \$250 scholarships to L.A. Trade Technical College to (2) deserving individuals from Probation or a Group Home. Ms. Davis will contact Mr. Ramon Castillo, Vice President of Student Services to discuss donating the scholarships.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Montaña read a letter from the American Cancer Association thanking the Commission for their contribution of \$100 in Honor of James Cragin.

Chair Montaña read an invitation to the Thirty-Eighth Annual Los Angeles County Peace Officer's Memorial Ceremony on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. Chair Montaña stated the May 9, 2007 Sybil Brand Commission meeting needs to be cancelled so all may attend.

## **FACILITY REPORTS**

### **Bourne Group Home – 6, #3 – Commissioner Stathatos**

This facility was visited on March 29, 2007, and found to be in less than satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** the building is poorly managed; housekeeping is poor; caulking is needed on bathroom sink; needs kitchen tiles on counter top; needs Life Books; rugs need to be replaced.

### **Bourne Group Home – 6, #2 – Commissioner Stathatos**

This facility was visited on April 2, 2007, and was found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** sink needs caulking.

### **Girls and Boys Town- 47, #2 - Commissioners Bacio and Hall**

This facility was visited on April 5, 2007, and found to be in excellent condition.

### **Gardner House Linden Center - 63, #3- Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña**

This facility was visited on April 9, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** leak under sink.

### **Lennox Blvd. Sheriff's Station - Commissioners Hammargren and Montaña**

This facility was visited on April 10, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** facility is very old; very crowded; newly fresh paint peeling and cracking.

### **Visa Del Mar – 110, #2 - Commissioners Bacio and Hall**

This facility was visited on April 10, 2007, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** clients extremely difficult to handle; many attempted escapes.

## **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were none.

## **MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

Approval of the Sybil Brand Commission Quarterly Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaña moved for adjourning the meeting at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division